AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have come forward with a new concept of 'Management Contract' for toning up the functioning of power generation projects in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details of this new concept;

(c) what has been the response of the various State Electricity Boards to this scheme; and

(d) what progress has been achiev ed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENER GY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d) The Confederation of Engineering Industry had prepared a brief appro ach paper on Management Contract System which could be helpful in promoting capacity utilisation in pub lic utilities etc. The underlying ob jective of the system was to increase efficiency through support services in technology, maintenance, training, management, sales and related fields. Since the State Electricity Boards are autonomous bodies set up by the respective State Governments under the provisions of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, the approach paper was forwarded to all the State Electricity Boards and they were advised to consider introducing the Management Contract System in the operation of their activities.

The Confederation of Engineering Industry was also ad vised to approach these Boards direct- Role of the Power Finance Corporation

456. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENER-ERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the working results of power Finance Corporation during the last three years; and

(b) what is the extent to which Power Finance Corporation has been responsible for improving the working of the State Electricity Boards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The working results of Power Finance Corporation Ltd. for the last three years are as under: —

(Rs. in crores)

	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
Loans approved	784.33	1089.83	1404.22
Laons disbursed	497.71	697.65	894.86
Profit after Tax	14.65	30.40	73.18

(b) PFC's funding of over Rs. 1350 crores for generation schemes has helped the SEBs to add an additional capacity of 4,076 MW, in time. PFC has also sanctioned loans for Urban Distribution Schemes, installation of Shunt Capacitors and for transmission lines and substations. PFC's assistance to the Renovation & Modernisation of Power Stations during the 7th Plan has also enabled the SEBs to improve the average Plant Load Factor. Further, PFC is engaged in an exercise to improve the operational and financial efficiency of the SEBs through Action Plans.

Gas based Power Projects in Andhra Pradesh

457. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details regarding production capacity of gas based power projects in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is proposed to set up more gas-baaed projects In order